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New York, Dec. 29.—It took the grand jury just one hour this afternoon to indict Joseph G. Robin on a charge of larceny of \$90,000 from the Washington Savings Bank, which he was president. The bank passed into the hands of the state banking department this afternoon, due to keep company with the Northern Bank of New York, of whose executive committee he was chairman, and with which his name has hitherto been more prominently connected than any other in the city.

Robin was immediately placed under arrest at the home of his sister, Dr. Louise Robinovich, but his arraignment was postponed until tomorrow, when he must give bail in \$25,000 or go to jail pending a trial or determination of his sanity.

Robin's insanity. Technically Robin is insane now. The order of commitment signed by Justice Hendon at the request of Dr. Robinovich and on the certification of other physicians still stands, although the private sanatorium to which Robin was taken refused to accept him.

This lunacy finding is the thing that complicates the case, said District Attorney Hoffman today. "If Robin were sane, it would be a simple matter to find him guilty of larceny."

William Travers Jerome, who has been retained by Robin, made his attitude toward this request plain immediately. "My suggestion to the court is this," he said.

"I suggest that an examination first be made and that he be committed to the asylum if he is found to be insane. If he is found sane, then I suggest that he be committed to the asylum if he is found to be insane."

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Plea for Clemency By Indicted Members of the So-Called "Bathub Trust."

Washington, Dec. 29.—Plea for clemency, it is reported, will be made to the department of justice by the indicted members of the so-called "bath-tub trust" through their attorneys, at a conference here tomorrow. Frank H. Watson, United States attorney at Detroit, where the indictments were made, has been notified to be present. Edwin T. Grosvenor, special assistant to the attorney general, who conducted the civil suits which have resulted in practically putting the trust out of business, will represent the government. A small battalion of lawyers, representing nearly half of the defendants, also will be present.

Cabled Paragraphs

Athens, Greece, Dec. 29.—There was a violent earthquake in the province of Elis today, causing heavy damage to buildings. The government has despatched help.

The Lizard, England, Dec. 29.—The British steamer Lizard, from Norfolk for Bremen, passing today, signalled that she had on board the crew of the British schooner H. J. L. L., which was abandoned on December 19, after she had lost her sails and rudder and was being towed by the tugboat from Port Hawkesbury for New York.

London, Dec. 29.—Mrs. John Walker Fearn, widow of the former American minister to Greece, Roumania and Serbia, and Arthur Inkersley of Lyme-Regis, a well known English Edin-burgh and in 1904 was a lecturer at Harvard. He had written extensively on Greek subjects.

London, Dec. 29.—Samuel Henry Butcher, unionist member of parliament for Cambridge university since 1906, died today. He was born in Dublin 1859, and was the bishop of Meath. Professor Butcher was president of the British Academy of Letters in 1905. He taught successfully at Oxford and at the University of Edinburgh and in 1904 was a lecturer at Harvard. He had written extensively on Greek subjects.

Another Inquiry Into His Condition. Accordingly Robin drove up tonight in his automobile to his sister's home, a bench warrant was immediately served on him, and Dr. Austin Flint, one of the physicians who previously examined him, and Dr. William H. Mahon, superintendent of the Manhattan state asylum for the insane, began an inquiry into his condition. It was not expected that their findings would be made known until they were presented to the court tomorrow.

The Indictment Against Robin. The indictment against Robin was based on information sworn to by Frederick K. Morris, formerly his confidential employee. It charges that Robin was president, was induced by his representations to draw in his order several checks aggregating \$90,000 in consideration of two participation agreements purporting to give the bank an equivalent interest in a mortgage on the property of the Fidelity Development company, one of the siring of companies promoted by Robin, in favor of the Title and Guarantee company of Rochester, which Robin controlled through his ownership of the Aetna Indemnity company. "No such mortgage," said the district attorney, "is described as being executed by the Fidelity Development company."

These participation agreements," continued the indictment, "were signed by Anthony Stimpf, vice president, and by William V. Lomax, secretary of the Title and Guarantee company, and were deposited to the credit of the Fidelity Development company."

Further indictments are expected to follow the taking charge of the Washington Savings bank by the state. It is expected that the indictment against Robin will be made known until they were presented to the court tomorrow.

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Battleship Fleet Homebound

DEPARTURE FROM FRENCH AND ENGLISH PORTS. COME AS TECHNICAL ENEMY

Will Attempt to Elude Fast Scout Cruisers on the Atlantic Coast—Warfare Conditions Will Be Adopted

Washington, Dec. 29.—After a memorable reception by England and France in which the American nation and her navy were toasted and honored by every conceivable means, the battleship fleet is leaving foreign shores today and tomorrow on its homeward voyage.

Will Approach Atlantic Coast as a Technical Enemy. The fleet will approach this continent as a technical enemy and will attempt to elude the vigilance of the fast scout cruisers which will operate along the Atlantic coast and endeavor to herd the advance of the "enemy." In this day of wireless telegraphy the Atlantic coast will be difficult to hide, but it will conceal its movements as far as possible, using the wireless only when necessary and avoiding the frequent lines of transatlantic liners. All the conditions of actual warfare will be adopted and the fleet will make a serious attempt to hide from the watchful scouts.

EVERY MAN IN ONE DISTRICT SOLD HIS VOTE. 1,071 Ohioans Have Been Indicted Up to Yesterday.

West Union, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Seventy-three more indictments were returned today by the grand jury which is prosecuting the election frauds in this county. Under the direction of Judge A. Z. Blair, seventy persons were arrested and taken to jail today. The indictments were returned against 1,071 persons in all.

Judge Blair said tonight that it had become necessary to indict some men who were not indicted before. He said that he had made a clear sweep of all the guilty ones and to bring about the desired reforms.

Two men were discovered tonight that not a single voter will be left in one school district in event of convictions in Jefferson township. Very many children have been indicted, but none has been arrested. Two more ministers, both residents of Green township, were indicted tonight. Each received \$5 for his vote. One young man confessed today that he sold out to his father and received \$10 for his vote.

Mr. Sallie Inlow of Peebles pleaded guilty to selling the vote of her son, John, for \$10. She was fined \$10 and her husband is very poor and could not resist taking the money when it was offered to her. She was fined \$5 and costs and discharged for five years.

The state voters in the county, a man of 34, who was disfranchised, and he says that he never expects to vote again.

ANTONIO RODRIGUEZ WAS NOT BURNED AT STAKE. Supposed Victim of Texas Mob Is Hale and Healthy.

Guadalupe, Mexico, Dec. 29.—Antonio Rodriguez, supposed to have been burned at the stake in Rock Springs, Texas, was found hale and healthy. Despatches from Rock Springs at the time of the lynching made reasonably certain the identity of the man, who was supposed to have been burned at the stake in Rock Springs, Texas, was found hale and healthy.

INSTRUCTOR AND STUDENTS INJURED AT CORNELL. By the Explosion of a Milk Testing Machine.

Ithaca, N. Y., Dec. 29.—The explosion of a centrifugal milk testing machine in the laboratory of the Cornell University today resulted in the injury of Instructor David Foster and the death of a student. The instructor received a gash on the right wrist which nearly severed the hand from his arm, and the students, Seymour A. Thomas, of Ithaca, and Joseph B. Widmer, of Naples, Floyd M. Bacon, of Oswego and George H. Phelps, of Vernon, were bruised about the body. All were able to leave the hospital after their injuries were treated.

FALSE WEIGHTS AND IMPROPER GRADING OF SUGAR. Federal Government Defrauded in Import Duties at New Orleans.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 29.—That the federal government has been defrauded of more than a million dollars in import duties at New Orleans, through false weights and improper grading of sugar, was developed by the grand jury investigation which was in progress here for two weeks.

DEPUTY MARSHALS SEIZE 6,200 CANS TOMATO PASTE. Used by Restaurants and Hotels for Tomato Soup.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—United States deputy marshals today seized 6,200 cans of tomato paste, amounting to 124,000 pounds, used by hotels and restaurants for tomato soup. The marshals, under the direction of Robert Young of the government laboratory here, seized a box car on the Pennsylvania railroad, and will destroy the paste tomorrow.

GRANTED A Flat Increase in Wages of Ten Per Cent. Chicago, Dec. 29.—Conductors and trainmen on fifty railroads running north and south of Chicago were granted after a month's negotiation a ten per cent. increase in wages.

GOVERNOR HADLEY WILL WRITE NO MORE MESSAGES. Kansas City, Dec. 29.—Governor Hadley announced today that he had decided to substitute lectures by experts for written messages by himself to make known to the legislature the needs of the various state institutions.

BARONESS HENGELMULLER VON HENGELVARR IMPROVING. Washington, Dec. 29.—Baroness Hengelmuller von Hengelvarr, wife of the Austro-Hungarian ambassador, who was taken suddenly ill last night, is improving. Her physician, Dr. F. Fremont Smith, stated that he thought from indications tonight no operation would be needed.

DIED AT AGE OF 104, THE FATHER OF 31 CHILDREN. Grafton, Mass., Dec. 29.—Frank King, father of 31 children, died here today at the age of 104 years and 24 days. He was born in Quebec, and spent two days ago, when he suffered a shock, had never seen a sick day. King was twice married, his first wife bearing him 18 children and his second 13. He was also grandfather to 26 and great-grandfather to 26 more children.

Cleared the Crest Of Mount Wilson

10,000 Feet Into the Sky. OVER FOUR THOUSAND FEET TO SPARE.

AVIATOR ARCH HOXSEY Flies Over Highest Peak of the Mountain Range That Rims the Valley of California's Orange Belt.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 29.—Arch Hoxsey of Pasadena, Cal., holder of the world's aeroplane altitude record—11,474 feet—today flew over Mount Wilson, the highest peak of the mountain range that rims the valley in which Los Angeles, Pasadena, and the towns of the orange belt lie.

Under ideal weather conditions he soared 10,905 feet into the sky and cleared the crest of Mount Wilson with 4,200 feet to spare.

To Transport Armies by Biplane. Lieut. Vernon Barber and several other officers who are here to see the flights, asserted Hoxsey's performance pointed a new way of transporting armies across mountain ranges. He said that a thousand biplanes could transport an army of ten thousand men across mountains as high as the one he flew.

Hoxsey used a Wright biplane equipped for passenger service and made the journey from the field to a point near the summit in 28 minutes. The distance is estimated at 34 miles.

News of his success was flashed to the station all city by telephone from the Carnegie solar observatory on Mount Wilson.

Temperature Far Below Zero. "It was fearfully cold," said Hoxsey, "and when I got to a point just above the summit I found that the haze which obscured the mountains from the aviation field was a heavy fog of ice particles."

Narrow Escape of Hubert Latham. Hoxsey's performance was the most interesting feat today, but just before the close of the afternoon's events Lieut. Hubert Latham, a French expert, who made a valiant attempt to save Glenn Martin, a California novice, when the latter lost control of his machine and was blown into a fence by a twenty-mile wind.

Latham was in the judges' box when Martin brought his machine to earth. He saw the danger and, rushing out, caught the tail of the machine and desperately tried to turn it away from the fence, but miscalculated its speed and was dashed to the ground. The machine, however, was saved, and Latham, who weighs nine hundred pounds, missed Latham's face only by a few inches, and Martin and his biplane sped into the fence with force enough to break the iron posts upon which the wire was stretched. Martin was hurled over the fence, but was unhurt.

PASTOR FOUND GUILTY OF EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT. Allowed Seven Days in Which to File an Appeal.

Providence, R. I., Dec. 29.—Rev. Dr. Walter D. Buchanan, pastor of the Fourth Avenue Presbyterian church of New York, was found guilty of exceeding the automobile speed limit by a jury in the superior court here today, after an all-day trial. The clergyman was allowed seven days in which to file an appeal, and it is believed that he will not do so.

UNUSUALLY COLD WEATHER. Cold Wave Follows the Late General Weather Disturbance.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—Unusually cold weather with freezing temperatures almost to the Gulf prevails today, and a large portion of the south tonight.

The cold wave follows closely upon the heels of a general weather disturbance which took the form of a thunderstorm in the central valleys and snow in northern Texas. Snow fell early today throughout the Texas Panhandle and in the northern part of the Gulf coast.

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Condensed Telegrams

The Cotton Situation is causing some uneasiness in Bombay.

A Strike on the Government-Owned Railways of Italy is threatened.

The Public Service Corporation of New Jersey has granted old age pension.

Dr. S. Weir Mitchell has resigned as a director of the University of Pennsylvania.

The Turkish Troops had a sanguinary battle with Bedouins in the vilayet of Syria.

President Lowell of Harvard is opposed to organized cheering and college yell.

Friedrich Luthy Has Been Appointed secretary to the Swiss legation at Washington.

J. E. Schwitzer Was Appointed chief engineer of the Canadian Pacific at a salary of \$25,000.

M. Laffort, the French Aviator, and his passenger, were killed at Issy-les-Moulineaux, France.

Miss Lucy Jones, a society and university woman of University, Pa., has been appointed a deputy sheriff.

William Barber and Two Other Americans are reported to have been badly beaten by Hendurian police.

R. Winder Johnson, a Philadelphia banker, who was knocked down by the automobile horse ambulance of the S. P. C. A., died of his injuries.

The Flood of Small Coins which the mints ground out for the Christmas trade has begun to find its way back to the vaults of the treasury.

The Elongement of President Alex. Berg and Forewoman Mrs. Lucy Gibson has caused the factory of the Mid-dletown Hat company of Middletown, N. Y.

Miss Sadie M. Peck, aged 51, daughter of the late Rev. Luther Peck, was found on the floor of the kitchen at home in Scranton, Pa., with her throat cut.

Major General William P. Duval, commanding the military forces in the Philippines, who retires on Jan. 13, has been granted a leave of absence to that time.

All Hopes of an Unconditional Pardon for Charles W. Morse, the New York banker, have been abandoned, and President Taft will now be asked to commute his sentence.

In a Letter to President Taft, Secretary of the Navy Meyer attacks the statements made by Sir Hiram Maxim relating to the kind of smokeless powder used by this country.

Judge Martin A. Knapp, chairman of the Interstate Commerce commission, and Hon. J. P. Mable, chief of the Canadian railway commission, held a conference on the subject of an international railroad commission.

Chicago Will Have Another Season of Grand Opera. The director of the Chicago Grand Opera company, in session yesterday afternoon, voted to continue the company's efforts to attract new subscribers.

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Dr. F. Fremont Smith, head of the consultation several other physicians. It has not been determined whether an operation will be necessary.

It Was Announced Last Night by the graduate committee of the Wright Memorial dormitory at Yale university that Miss Eleanor De Graft Cuyler of New York city had subscribed \$5,000 to the dormitory fund as a memorial to her brother, Theodore Cuyler of the class of 1882.

The Former United States Cruiser Detroit, which this week was sold by the government to a New York broker for \$20,000, will form the nucleus of a filibustering fleet to be sent against the Gulf coast of Mexico by the insurgents, according to information from the Mexican junta in New Orleans.

Hot Springs Officers Arrested Ben Murray and John Rutherford yesterday on the charge of a crime in connection with the lynching of Oscar Chittwood last Monday morning.

No charge was made against them, but they were held for a few days. Rutherford was the officer with Chittwood when the lynching took place.

The New Haven Journal-Courier this morning will say that the controlling stock of the Guilford and Chester Water company has been secured by W. S. Woodruff of Orange and associates of his. The water company takes in all the towns from Branford to Haddam and has 55 miles of pipe and three reservoirs. The company is capitalized at \$300,000 and has a bonded indebtedness of \$340,000. The plans of the new owners of the company are not known.

More Than \$3,000,000 Has Been Saved to the city of New York during the past year by the city's water supply, gas and electricity, according to a report presented to Mayor Gaynor yesterday by Commissioner Henry Thompson. Water revenue with over \$12,000,000 were collected by the department, corporate stock amounted to \$915,500 was caused to be cancelled and the commissioner states that \$485,340 out of the departmental appropriation for 1910 will be turned back to the city.

Army Appropriation Bill Carries Total of \$92,000,000. Washington, Dec. 29.—The army appropriation bill, carrying a total of \$92,000,000, or \$10,000,000 more than the estimates, will be ready to report to the house next week. The house committee on military affairs, which is framing it, had progressed with the measure sufficiently to enable its report to the house after two days' session tomorrow, following the recess of congress. The bill is virtually confined to the formal estimates submitted by the war department, reduced by the war department, informally made to the committee as greater military preparedness.

President of New England Pin Company in a Critical Condition. Winsted, Conn., Dec. 29.—It was made known today that Jay E. Spaulding, president of the New England Pin company, of this place, had been unconscious since Monday, due to a concussion of the brain received by a fall downstairs at his home. Mr. Spaulding is 64 years old, and doubts are expressed as to his recovery.

Middletown. Descendants of George Hubbard, an early settler of Middletown, held a banquet Monday evening at the Winthrop in Meriden.

Uniform System Of Bookkeeping

ORDER ISSUED BY COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY. EVERY NATIONAL BANK

Directed to Install What Practically Amounts to Same System of Keeping Its Books—Examiners Fooled.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Disclosures following the forced liquidation of the Quaham National bank of Quaham, Mass., ten days ago, caused the comptroller of the currency today to issue an order directing every one of the 7,200 national banks in the United States to install what practically amounts to a uniform system of bookkeeping.

Investigation of the Quaham bank disclosed that it had been doing business for the last two years, although unduly insolvent and although inspected at regular intervals by national bank examiners; that during that time the examiners were unable to learn the bank's true condition, largely because the management refused to keep a proper record of its business transactions, and that the entire capital of \$100,000 and probably some of the \$38,000 surplus was paid out to stockholders as dividends.

Comptroller Murray's Statement. In a statement issued today Comptroller Murray said that the examiners were hoodwinked for two years by the way the bank handled its books.

During these two years, the comptroller says, "the bank carried comparatively little past-due paper, all of the notes having the appearance of being promptly paid or renewed." The bank had no discount register and the various earning accounts were kept in a ledger which was not made practically impossible to audit them. By this method of accounting, the bank, without detection by the examiners, had been able to make its notes renewed with the interest added to the note at the time of renewal. This interest on worthless paper which had not been collected and which some of the earnings accounts, and as the dividends were regularly paid, this resulted in paying the capital out to shareholders as dividends.

Examiner Finally Grew Suspicious. Reports to headquarters show that an examiner finally did become suspicious shortly before the bank's closing. He had been told that the bank's books were not in order. The examiner abandoned the new system two days later, after the examiner had left town. Reports that the bank was in trouble were made at the time of the liquidation.

TO INCREASE CAPITAL STOCK. TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS. Statement from the Offices of the New Haven Railroad Company.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 29.—Beginning next Monday the capital stock of the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company will be increased by twenty million dollars, if the holders of thirty million dollars worth of 3-1/2 per cent. bonds agree to themselves of the option of convertibility. At the office of the company today it was stated that the conversion was expected owing to the increased rate of return on the 8 per cent. stock of the company with the bonds, but it is thought that some trustees may retain the bonds under the restrictions of the trust investment laws. The convertibility of the bonds runs for five years, and they may be exchanged during any quarterly dividend period and thus obtain the next dividend. The bonds are convertible in the ratio of \$300 of the bonds for two shares of stock.

New Weather Bureau Building Needed at Sand Key, Florida. Washington, Dec. 29.—Undismayed by the hurricane that a year ago washed away the weather bureau building at Sand Key, Fla., the weather bureau today has asked congress to build a new building on that sea-swept point. Sand Key is right in the fair way of hurricanes. The bureau has been there for 15 years, and it is through the weather observers there that all these vessels communicate with land.

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